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Notes:

(1) Statistics Canada estimate July 1
(2) Annual average
a Actual
sa Seasonally adjusted
p Preliminary
pa Preliminary actual
i Intention
ri Revised intention

Data Sources:

Population, Vital Statistics, Migration - Statistics Canada, Demographic Estimates Section, Quarterly Demographic Statistics, Catalogue No. 91-002

Labour Force - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Labour Force Survey, monthly Catalogue No. 71-001-XIE; Labour Force Historical Review, Catalogue No. 71F0004XCB

Employment Insurance - Statistics Canada, Labour Statistics Division, Employment Insurance Statistics, monthly

Consumer Price Index - Statistics Canada, Prices Division, The Consumer Price Index, Catalogue 62-001

Income (Personal Income per Capita, Total Wages & Salaries, Average Weekly Wages) - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB; Estimates of Labour Income, quarterly, Catalogue No. 13F0016; Employment, Earnings & Hours, monthly, Catalogue No. 72-002

Retail/Wholesale - Statistics Canada, Retail Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-005; New Motor Vehicle Sales, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-007; Wholesale Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 63-008

Commodity Sector - Statistics Canada, Farm Cash Receipts, quarterly, Catalogue No. 21-001; Sawmills & Planing Mills, monthly, Catalogue No. 35-003; Canada's Mineral Production, annual, Catalogue No. 26-202; Natural Gas Transportation and Distribution, monthly, Catalogue No. 55-002; Electric Power Statistics, monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Fisheries & Oceans Canada statistics, annual monthly, Catalogue No. 57-001; Monthly Survey of Manufacturing Shipments, CANSIM Tables 304-0014 and 304-0015; Canadian International Merchandise Trade, monthly, Catalogue No. 65-001

Construction - Statistics Canada, Private and Public Investment in Canada, annual, Catalogue Nos. 61-205; Building Permits, monthly, Catalogue No.64-001; Canada Mortgage and Housing statistics, monthly/quarterly

Gross Domestic Product - Statistics Canada, System of National Accounts, Provincial Economic Accounts, Catalogue No. 13-213-PPB

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		2 Years Ago	1 Year Ago	Current	1 Year Ago/ 2 Years Ago	Current/ 1 Year Ago	2003	2004	2005	2004/2003	2005/2004
POPULATION	July 1/2006	937,993	936,130	934,405	(0.2)	(0.2)	936,513 (1)	937,993 (1)	936,130 (1)	0.2	(0.2)
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Apr-June/2006	2,188	2,171	2,148	(0.8)	(1.1)	8,650	8,734	8,662	1.0	(0.8)
Deaths	Apr-June/2006	1,980	2,017	2,048	1.9	1.5	8,064	8,225	8,378	2.0	1.9
Marriages	Apr-June/2006	1,210	1,207	1,200	(0.2)	(0.6)	4,878	4,866	4,853	(0.2)	(0.3)
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Apr-June/2006	573	(626)	(24)	--	--	1,494	(211)	(2,719)	(114.1)	--
Net Interprovincial	Apr-June/2006	(65)	(868)	(645)	--	--	142	(1,594)	(4,081)	--	--
Net International	Apr-June/2006	638	242	669	(62.1)	176.4	1,352	1,383	1,362	2.3	(1.5)
Immigration	Apr-June/2006	459	462	558	0.7	20.8	1,474	1,770	1,929	20.1	9.0
Emigration	Apr-June/2006	(179)	220	(111)	--	--	122	387	567	217.2	46.5
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Nov/2006	487.5	482.2	479.3	(1.1)	(0.6)	474.6	485.0	483.9	2.2	(0.2)
Employed ('000)	Nov/2006	444.8	442.3	444.0	(0.6)	0.4	431.2	442.2	443.1	2.6	0.2
Goods Industries ('000)	Nov/2006	95.0	90.4	87.5	(4.8)	(3.2)	92.4	93.7	91.2	1.4	(2.7)
Service Industries ('000)	Nov/2006	349.8	351.9	356.5	0.6	1.3	338.8	348.5	351.9	2.9	1.0
Unemployment ('000)	Nov/2006	42.7	39.9	35.4	(6.6)	(11.3)	43.4	42.8	40.8	(1.4)	(4.7)
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov/2006	8.8	8.3	7.4	--	--	9.1	8.8	8.4	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	Nov/2006	64.3	63.3	62.8	--	--	63.1	64.1	63.6	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Nov/2006	443.6	441.0	443.2	(0.6)	0.5	431.2	442.2	443.1	2.6	0.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov/2006	8.6	8.1	7.1	--	--	9.1	8.8	8.4	--	--

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Oct/2006	35,060	34,380	33,500	(1.9)	(2.6)	40,698 (2)	40,941 (2)	40,804 (2)	0.6	(0.3)
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Oct/2006	55,862	54,420	59,221	(2.6)	8.8	680,374	678,533	692,344	(0.3)	2.0
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
Nova Scotia											
All-Items	Nov/2006	127.8	130.7	132.2	2.3	1.1	123.9	126.1	129.6	1.8	2.8
Food	Nov/2006	128.0	129.6	134.7	1.3	3.9	122.5	125.3	129.2	2.3	3.1
Shelter	Nov/2006	127.9	134.2	135.0	4.9	0.6	122.3	125.4	130.9	2.5	4.4
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2005	26,113	26,904	28,075	3.0	4.4	26,113	26,904	28,075	3.0	4.4
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	9,891.4	10,379.2	10,742.4	4.9	3.5	12,997.2	13,250.1	13,944.8	1.9	5.2
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Sept/2006	616.13	643.27	655.92	4.4	2.0	598.25	614.85	636.09	2.8	3.5
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE[1]											
All Retail Outlets ($ millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	7,707.9	7,926.3	8,476.5	2.8	6.9	10,014.9	10,296.5	10,596.1	2.8	2.9
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	1,108.6	1,176.3	1,158.2	6.1	(1.5)	1,313.1	1,282.2	1,383.1	(2.4)	7.9
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	4,771.1	4,681.5	4,890.2	(1.9)	4.5	6,854.3	6,266.7	6,241.8	(8.6)	(0.4)

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	332.4	343.6	339.5	3.4	(1.2)	425.9	452.3	460.3	6.2	1.8
Fish Landings ($ millions)	Jan-Dec/2005	847.2	742.2	647.1 p	(12.4)	(12.8)	847.2	742.2	647.1	(12.4)	(12.8)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Sept/2006	1,306.9	1,223.4	1,063.8	(6.4)	(13.0)	1,648.4	1,750.7	1,556.7	6.2	(11.1)
Mineral Production[1] ($ millions)	2005	263.2	285.6	286.1 p	8.5	0.2	263.2	285.6	286.1 p	8.5	0.2
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-Aug 2006	2,873.4	2,593.6	2,402.6	(9.7)	(7.4)	4,469.5	4,174.1	3,945.8	(6.6)	-- --
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Sept/2006	9,274.5	9,211.1	8,330.5	(0.7)	(9.6)	12,386.9	12,563.8	12,371.7	1.4	(1.5)
Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	8,160.0	8,288.6	7,849.2	1.6	(5.3)	9,138.0	9,751.3	9,898.7	6.7	1.5
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	4,641.3	4,647.5	4,163.0	0.1	(10.4)	5,351.4	5,479.3	5,665.7	2.4	3.4
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	5,520.0	5,964.3	6,403.2	8.0	7.4	5,816.1	6,589.9	6,989.5	13.3	6.1
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures ($ millions)	2006	3,662.0	3,699.5 pa	4,176.8 I	1.0	12.9	3,441.9	3,662.0	3,699.5 pa	6.4	1.0
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	972.8	1,038.5	1,080.0 p	6.8	4.0	1,014.1	1,125.8	1,188.3	11.0	5.6
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-Oct/2006	2,674	2,701	2,684	1.0	(0.6)	3,589	3,313	3,258	(7.7)	(1.7)
Completions (units)	Jan-Oct/2006	2,662	2,235	2,386	(16.0)	6.8	3,634	3,526	2,991	(3.0)	(15.2)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sept/2006	3,474	3,515	3,639	1.2	3.5	5,096	4,717	4,775	(7.4)	1.2
Completions (units)	Jan-Sept/2006	3,110	2,660	3,192	(14.5)	20.0	5,434	4,896	4,456	(9.9)	(9.0)
Under Construction (units)	Sept 30/2006	3,199	3,441	3,327	7.6	(3.3)	2,770	2,653	2,902	(4.2)	9.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 $ millions)	2005	24,929	25,131	25,534	0.8	1.6	24,929	25,131	25,534	0.8	1.6

[1] Excludes oil and gas.

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POPULATION	July 1/2006	31,989,454	32,299,496	32,623,490	1.0	1.0	31,676,077 (1)	31,989,454 (1)	32,299,496 (1)	1.0	1.0
VITAL STATISTICS											
Births	Apr-June/2006	85,762	37,222	88,381	1.7	1.3	335,202	337,072	340,368	0.6	1.0
Deaths	Apr-June/2006	56,021	56,911	57,883	1.6	1.7	226,169	231,200	235,329	2.2	1.8
Marriages	Apr-June/2006	37,720	39,076	38,872	3.6	(0.5)	145,048	146,093	151,334	0.7	3.6
MIGRATION											
Total Net Migration	Apr-June/2006	68,355	72,611	69,094	6.2	(4.8)	204,260	204,733	215,336	0.2	5.2
Immigration	Apr-June/2006	67,242	74,471	67,895	10.8	(8.8)	221,352	235,824	262,239	6.5	11.2
Emigration	Apr-June/2006	(1,113)	1,860	(1,199)	(267.1)	(164.5)	17,092	31,091	46,903	81.9	50.9
LABOUR FORCE											
Seasonally Adjusted											
Total Labour Force ('000)	Nov/2006	17,278.2	17,409.5	17,687.2	0.8	1.6	16,958.5	17,182.3	17,342.6	1.3	0.9
Employed ('000)	Nov/2006	16,026.3	16,303.4	16,577.9	1.7	1.7	15,672.3	15,947.0	16,169.7	1.8	1.4
Goods Industries ('000)	Nov/2006	3,995.6	4,007.8	3,996.5	0.3	(0.3)	3,925.7	3,989.8	4,002.4	1.6	0.3
Service Industries ('000)	Nov/2006	12,030.7	12,295.6	12,581.4	2.2	2.3	11,746.6	11,957.2	12,167.3	1.8	1.8
Unemployment ('000)	Nov/2006	1,251.8	1,106.1	1,109.3	(11.6)	0.3	1,286.2	1,235.3	1,172.8	(4.0)	(5.1)
Unemloyment Rate (%)	Nov/2006	7.2	6.4	6.3	--	--	7.6	7.2	6.8	--	--
Participation Rate (%)	Nov/2006	67.6	67.1	67.2	--	--	67.5	67.5	67.2	--	--
Actual											
Employed ('000)	Nov/2006	16,015.7	16,295.1	16,575.5	1.7	1.7	15,672.3	15,947.0	16,169.7	1.8	1.4
Unemployment Rate (%)	Nov/2006	6.8	6.0	5.9	--	--	7.6	7.2	6.7	--	--

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EMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS (EI)											
Total Beneficiaries (#)	Oct/2006	690,820	680,170	624,540 p	(1.5)	(8.2)	841,279 (2)	826,525 (2)	804,841 (2)	(1.8)	(2.6)
Total Benefits Paid ($'000)	Oct/2006	1,116,769	1,136,716	1,130,371	1.8	(0.6)	14,950,569	14,970,341	14,692,519	0.1	(1.9)
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (1992=100)											
Canada											
All-Items	Nov/2006	125.7	128.2	130.0	2.0	1.4	122.3	124.6	127.3	1.9	2.2
Food	Nov/2006	126.6	128.4	132.4	1.4	3.1	122.4	124.9	128.0	2.0	2.5
Shelter	Nov/2006	122.2	126.1	129.8	3.2	2.9	117.5	120.5	124.2	2.6	3.1
INCOME											
Personal Income Per Capita ($)	2005	29,438	30,605	31,819	4.0	4.0	29,438	30,605	31,819	4.0	4.0
Total Wages & Salaries ($ millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	424,460.4	446,945.7	473,423.6	5.3	5.9	541,741.1	568,519.5	600,112.5	4.9	5.6
Average Weekly Wages & Salaries ($)	Sept/2006	710.59	738.75	752.24	4.0	1.8	690.57	706.03	728.17	2.2	3.1
RETAIL/WHOLESALE TRADE[1]											
All Retail Outlets ($ millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	258,092.9	275,159.8	292,920.4	6.6	6.5	331,143.4	346,721.5	367,828.5	4.7	6.1
New Motor Vehicle Sales ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	41,843.7	44,365.8	45,832.9	6.0	3.3	50,493.3	49,639.2	52,511.6	(1.7)	5.8
Wholesale Trade ($millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	332,888.9	349,206.2	375,559.1	4.9	7.5	418,810.2	446,210.0	470,347.0	6.5	5.4

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COMMODITY SECTORS											
Farm Cash Receipts ($ millions)	Jan-Sept/2006	26,492.6	27,130.4	26,898.5	2.4	(0.9)	34,419.8	36,458.4	36,757.7	5.9	0.8
Fish Landings ($ millions)	Jan-Dec/2005	2,266.0	2,245.6	1,922.2 p	(0.9)	(14.4)	2,266.0	2,245.6 p	1,922.2	(0.9)	(14.4)
Lumber Production (000m3)	Jan-Sept/2006	63,429.7	62,950.2	62,127.7	(0.8)	(1.3)	79,319.3	84,589.6	82,888.9	6.6	(2.0)
Mineral Production[1] ($ millions)	2005	20,077.2	24,302.7	26,357.0	21.0	8.5	20,077.2	24,302.7	26,357.0	21.0	8.5
Marketable Gas Receipts (million m3)	Jan-Aug 2006	111,262.2	112,168.1	114,816.6	0.8	2.4	166,395.6	167,425.7	170,659.9	0.6	-- --
Power Generation (GW.h)	Jan-Sept/2006	418,925.4	442,810.8	437,383.4	5.7	(1.2)	564,218.5	568,740.1	597,064.4	0.8	5.0
Manufacturing Shipments ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	492,220.9	493,785.1	492,658.3	0.3	(0.2)	562,551.7	586,105.8	591,086.0	4.2	0.8
Foreign Exports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	322,588.3	336,619.9	342,121.4	4.3	1.6	354,231.6	385,087.1	408,391.3	8.7	6.1
Foreign Imports ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	297,371.1	317,257.6	330,738.6	6.7	4.2	336,103.7	356,055.7	380,759.9	5.9	6.9
CONSTRUCTION											
Capital Construction											
Expenditures ($ millions)	2006	154,125.2	167,838.4 pa	179,590.5 i	8.9	7.0	136,763.6	154,125.2	167,838.4 pa	12.7	8.9
Building Permits ($ millions)	Jan-Oct/2006	46,692.9	50,871.0	55,411.6	8.9	8.9	50,772.0	55,578.6	60,755.7	9.5	9.3
Housing Starts Centres 10,000+											
Starts (units)	Jan-Oct/2006	169,885	160,475	162,604	(5.5)	1.3	191,907	204,392	193,470	6.5	(5.3)
Completions (units)	Jan-Oct/2006	154,484	155,097	154,324	0.4	(0.5)	173,956	188,345	184,406	8.3	(2.1)
All Areas											
Starts (units)	Jan-Sept/2006	172,514	167,076	169,343	(3.2)	1.4	218,426	233,431	225,481	6.9	(3.4)
Completions (units)	Jan-Sept/2006	155,587	156,836	161,120	0.8	2.7	199,244	215,621	211,242	8.2	(2.0)
Under Construction (units)	Seot 30/2006	154,284	164,059	175,690	6.3	7.1	137,774	155,230	169,880	12.7	9.4
GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT											
Real GDP (chained '97 $ millions)	2005	1,088,773	1,124,688	1,157,705	3.3	2.9	1,088,773	1,124,688	1,157,705	3.3	2.9

[1] Excludes oil and gas.